

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP. Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Erosion/Sedimentation
- Water Quality
- Invasive species
- Reforestation
- Irrigation management

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

- Sediment – Littlefork River watershed (listed impairment)
- Ratroot River – sediment and nutrients
- Rainy River - nutrients

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

- Sediment reduction – Littlefork River watershed, Ratroot River then other watersheds
- Nutrient reduction – Ratroot River and Rainy River
- Invasive species control – countywide
- Reforestation – countywide
- Irrigation management – countywide

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. SURFACE WATER QUALITY- Does the application reduce sediment loading to the Littlefork River – 15 points
2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY – Does the application reduce sediment or nutrient loading within the Ratroot River watershed? -- 12 points
3. Surface water quality – Does the application reduce nutrient loading to the Rainy River? – 10 points
4. SURFACE WATER QUALITY – Does the application reduce sediment or nutrient loading within another watershed? - 8 points
5. PLANT SUITABILITY – Does the application include reforestation practices? - 6 points
6. WATER QUANTITY – Does the application reduce water consumption and/or increase water management for irrigated crops? – 5 points
7. PLANT SUITABILITY – Does the application treat invasive/noxious weeds? - 4 points

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

See above – 60 points

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

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Date

Nov 14, 2008

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Sediment - Littleton River watershed (listed impairment)

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed

highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding

watersheds

invasive species control - continuous

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5. PLANT STABILITY - Does the application include reforestation practices? - 6 points

water management for riparian areas? - 6 points

6. Assign points to the questions in item 4 as desired to reflect local priorities

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